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SUBJECT: GOV RESPONSE TO SOMOZA CLAIM OF VENEZUELAN
INTERVENTION

1. VENEZUELAN MEDIA REPORTED APRIL 4 AND 5
THAT NICARAGUAN PRISDIENT SOMOZA HELD A PRESS
CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE ACCUSED PRESIDENT PEREZ'
GOVERNMENT OF PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL
CONSPIRACY TO OVERTHROW HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO SOMOZA'S STATEMENT, VENEZUELAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY ON APRIL 4 ISSUED THE FOLLOWING
COMMUNIQUE:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
VENEZUELA, IN VIEW OF THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA NOT ONLY BY THE OFFICIAL
PRESS IN NICARAGUA, THE NEWSPAPER "NOVEDADES", AS WELL
AS THOSE FORMULATED BY GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA HIMSELF, DECLARES
THAT THOSE ATTACKS HAVE NOT SURPRISED THE VENEZUELAN
GOVERNMENT BECAUSE THEY ARE THE FORESEEABLE
CONSEQUENCE OF THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE VENEZUELAN
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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OAS IN THE SENSE
THAT THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
VISIT THAT COUNTRY IN ORDER TO INVESTIAGET THE
REPEATED VIOLATIIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOVERNMENTAL
REPRESSION WHICH FOLLOWED THE MURDER, STILL NOT
CLARIFIED BY THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT, OF THE
NEWSMAN JOAQUIN CHAMORRO.

3. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT PRESIDENTS CARTER AND PEREZ EXPRESSED THEIR PREOCCUPATION OVER THE REFUSAL OF THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT THE VISIT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, THERE WAS NOT, BY EITHER OF THE CHIEFS OF STATE, THE INTENTION OF INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NICARAGUA. THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING GENERAL SOMOZA ARE NOT AS IS EVIDENT, EITHER GENERATED OR STIMULATED FROM ABROAD. THESE FACTS ARE A CONSEQUENCE AND A PRODUCT OF THE REGIME IN PLACE IN THAT COUNTRY SINCE 1933.

4. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REJECTS AND CONDEMNS THOSE ATTACKS AND INTERPRETS THEM AS AN ATTEMPT BY THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT TO HIDE THE GRAVE CRISIS WHICH NOW CONFRONTS IT. END QUOTE.
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